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Agriculture

Agriculture and allied activities accounts for about 15.7 % of country's GDP and is estimated to employ about 124.7 million people as cultivators and 106.8 million as agricultural labour (Census 2001). Besides this Agriculture Industry employs a large number of people in the Organized and the Unorganized sector, the data pertaining to the same is however not available. Based on the assumptions of Food Grain Production and Manpower required to handle the total produced, the same is derived at (0.20 Million) for Organized and (1.95 Million) for Unorganized sector. India has about 161 million hectares of arable land of which 55 million is irrigated. With the increase in population the demand for food and Agri produce is increasing, but the supply is constant due to low agricultural productivity. This is predominantly due to improper Farm Management practices and loss in post-harvest handling. There is a requirement for specific set of skills in the field of Agriculture.

ASCI has taken upon itself the responsibility of transforming Indian Agriculture through developing the skills of country's manpower in emerging areas of agriculture. With the development of 182 Qualification Packs, ASCI has covered segments:

- Farm Mechanization and Precision Farming,
- Agri-Information Management,
- Dairy Farm Management,
- Poultry Farm Management,
- Fisheries,
- Animal Husbandry,
- Post-Harvest Supply Chain Management,
- Forestry & Agro Forestry,
- Watershed Management,
- Amenity Horticulture & Landscaping,
- Production Horticulture,
- Seeds Industry,
- Soil Health Management
- Commodity Management,
- Agri Entrepreneurship & Rural Enterprises,
- And other Allied